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Heavy Responsibility Rests On City, School Officials

Predictions of a huge population explosion in Torrance place a tremendous responsibility on city and school officials and on taxpayers.

Allan G. Cooley, General Telephone Co. executive, in a speech last week before the Torrance Rotary Club, "conservatively" estimates an increase of 41,000 population in less than 10 years.

On the basis of three and one-half persons per family nearly 1200 new homes or apartments would be needed to house the forecasted increase in city residents.

This means more schools, more city services, more police and fire protection, etc.

School officials have estimated an increase of 6100 children in enrollment by 1969—only four years from now.

Translated in physical terms this means 231 more classrooms—98 at the elementary and 142 at the high school level.

School officials warn that if these new classrooms are not provided, the

result will be double sessions for twice as many students because each class that is double sessioned means two classes on double session.

The school board is proposing that voters approve a bond issue to "keep Torrance children on regular full day schedule at No Increase in Tax Rate."

The combined budgets for the new fiscal year of the city of Torrance and the Torrance School Board are in excess of \$22 million. Spokesmen for both official bodies declare there will be no increase in tax rates this year.

Members of the school board must be commended for their close scrutiny of the proposed budget for the new year. An item by item check is bound to show some loopholes for saving money.

If the school board and city council members properly meet the gargantuan task they face it will require farsighted thinking and planning.

Residents of Torrance would do well to keep a watchful eye on the growth of our city.

Business Administration Class First Choice of Korean Veterans

Korean Conflict veterans who have thus far taken advantage of the college education benefits under the GI Bill have made business administration, engineering and teaching their top classroom choices.

Mort Webster, manager of VA's Southern California Regional Office, said this week.

Up to the end of calendar year 1961, more than 1,200,000 Korean Conflict veterans have gone to college under the GI program.

Almost an equal number, 1,172,000, have taken other types of training in schools below college level or on-the-job training classes or on-the-farm courses.

Of those students who went to college, 201,000 chose business administration, 163,000 selected engineering and 139,000 picked teaching as their course of study.

First choice of the GI engineering students was electrical engineering, followed by mechanical and then civil engineering.

The majority of those who prepared for teaching courses entered general education but several thousand have picked specialized fields

such as industrial arts and physical education.

OTHER GOALS

Other vocational goals attracting large numbers of Korean Conflict veterans turned college students have been medicine and related professions with 53,000; science with 45,000; law with 44,000 business courses such as accounting and advertising with 42,000; social sciences with 40,000 and the ministry with 13,000.

In reality, these veterans have been studying for almost every conceivable type of career at college. On the rolls have been agronomists and zoologists; architects and dietitians; newspaper reporters and mathematicians; librarians and law enforcement officials, and many others.

However, all veterans whether in college or still to begin their classes have less than three years to take advantage of the Korean GI Bill.

The law requires that all education and training of nondisabled Korean veterans must be completed by Jan. 31, 1965.

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Weaving Craft Museum Exhibit

The weaving process, one of the oldest crafts practiced by man, will be explained in "Fibers, Tools and Weaves," an exhibit which opens Sunday, July 1, at the California Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park. It will be on display through Tuesday, July 31.

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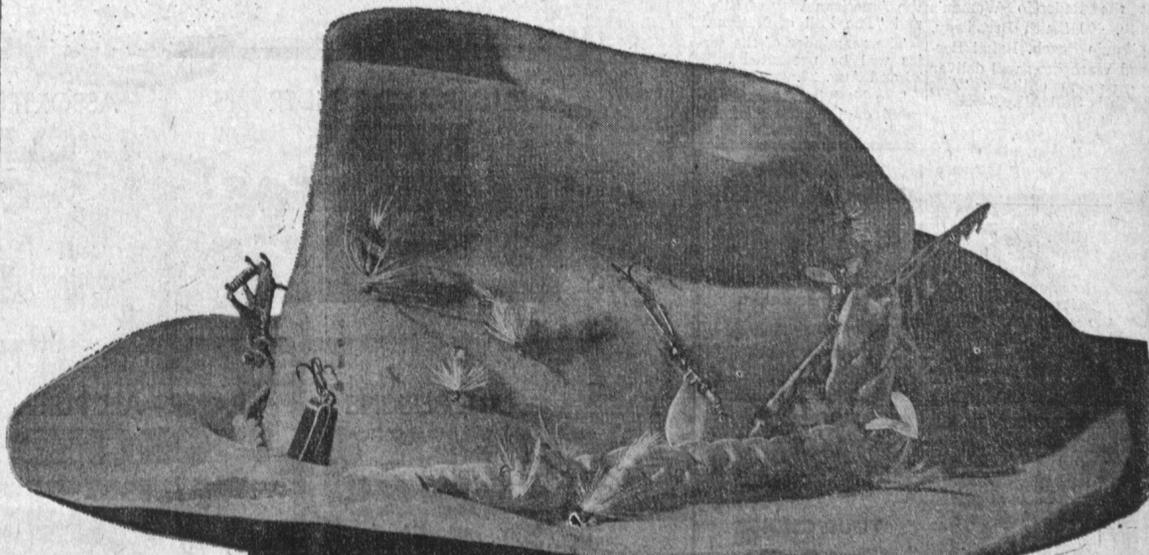
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